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C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 0602

NEA/AFN - FOR AMBASSADOR NEUMANN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PARM VS VN

SUBJ: PRG ISSUE AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE

REFS: (A) STATE 23914 (B) RABAT 587

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON MFA CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION BENKIRANE MORNING FEB 3 TO MAKE PRESENTATION CONTAINED REFTEL (A) RE ALGERIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION, LEAVING AIDE-MEMOIRE ON SUBJECT. BENKIRANE PROMISED TO BRING MATTER TO ATTENTION OF SECRETARY OF STATE CHERKAOUI (WHO IS ACTING FOLLOWING DEPARTURE OF FONMIN LARAKI FOR CAIRO FEB 2).

2. BENKIRANE SAID MOROCCAN POSITION ON QUESTION OF PRG AT LOW CONFERENCE HAD STILL NOT BEEN DECIDED. FONMIN LARAKI HAD HAD MATTER BEFORE HIM UNTIL HIS DEPARTURE, AND CHERKAOUI NOW DEALING WITH IT. BENKIRANE COMMENTED PERSONALLY THAT  
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MOROCCO WAS NOT LOOKING AT THIS ISSUE FROM SAME PERSPECTIVE

AS SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. GOM DID, HOWEVER, HAVE "HUMANITARIAN" ASPECT IN MIND, HE REITERATED (SEE RABAT 433). HE ALSO NOTED PRECEDENT OF PARIS NEGOTIATIONS ON VIETNAM, WHICH HAD INCLUDED BOTH GVN AND PRG. EMBOFF COUNTERED THAT SUCH PRECEDENT NOT APPLICABLE TO LOW CONFERENCE, AS PRG HAD NO ATTRIBUTES OF A GOVERNMENT BUT WAS SIMPLY A FACADE DIRECTED FROM HANOI. BENKIRANE SAID HE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO INFORM US ABOUT MOROCCAN POSITION SOON.

3. COMMENT: BENKIRANE'S REMARKS DO NOTHING TO ALTER OUR ASSESSMENT (PARA 2 REFTEL B) THAT MOROCCAN INCLINATION MAY WELL BE TOWARD ABSTENTION ON PRG ATTENDANCE AT LOW.  
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